

Amendments to the Specification

Replace paragraph [0047] with the following amended paragraph:

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The main frame 2a includes a head pipe unit 21 including the head pipe 7, upper and lower gussets 20 extending obliquely downward while widening to the rear of the vehicle from the head pipe 7 (for example, as shown in Fig. 5, gussets 20 have a narrower width 20m adjacent head pipe 7 and a wider width 20n as gussets 20 extend rearwardly from head pipe 7), a pair of left and right down tubes 22 extending obliquely downward from the lower end of the lower gusset 20 towards the rear of the vehicle, left and right rear arm brackets 10 interposed between the rear ends of the respective down tubes 22 and the rear end of the upper gusset 20, and a cross pipe 26 for connecting the lower ends of the rear brackets 10 to each other.

Replace paragraph [0056] with the following amended paragraph:

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The down frame member 30 has the connecting wall 30a formed thicker towards the lower head 30c and thinner towards the lower end of the down frame 30d. The down frame member 30 includes the connecting wall 30a which, as shown in Fig. 9, closes the opening 21c on the undersurface 21b of lower gusset 20 of the head pipe unit 21, and the left and right sidewalls 30b attached to the outer side of the vertical walls 21a. The left and right sidewalls 30b have the edges 30b' rigidly jointed to the vertical walls 21a via build-up welds 32a.

Replace paragraph [0059] with the following amended paragraph:

[0059]

The tank rail member 31 has the connecting wall 31a formed thicker towards the upper head 31c and thinner towards the rear end of the tank rail 31d. The tank rail member 31 includes the connecting wall 31a which, as shown in Fig. 9, closes

the opening 21e on the top surface 21d of upper gusset 20 of the head pipe unit 21, and the left and right sidewalls 31b attached to the outer side of the vertical walls 21a. The left and right sidewalls 31b have the lower edges 31b' rigidly jointed to the vertical walls 21a via build-up welds 32b. The head pipe unit 21 has its upper and lower openings closed by the tank rail member 31 and the down frame member 30, respectively, while being supported by the members 31, 30.